

AMENDMENT OF NIAID SOLICITATION
"Network for Large-Scale Sequencing of Microbial Genomes"

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This amendment is issued to all potential Offerors.

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth below. The hour and date specified for receipt of proposals **IS NOT CHANGED**. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this and all other amendments, by identifying this amendment number (and any others) on each copy of any offer(s) submitted. Failure to receive your acknowledgement may result in the rejection of your offer. If, by virtue of this amendment, you wish to change an offer already submitted, such changes may be made by telegram, letter or e-mail, provided each telegram, letter or e-mail makes reference to this solicitation amendment number and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The purpose of this amendment is to transmit to all potential offerors the response to two questions. The response to question 1 is offered for information only and does not modify or become part of this solicitation.

Question 1: This organization is sequencing a number of Microbial and viral pathogen genomes. Ordinarily in a response to the RFP, it would be expected to point to these data in the public domain (e.g. GenBank) as verification of the track record in this area, in this way ensuring that the data are available to the review process. However some of the work is commissioned by agencies within the US Intelligence Community that may seek to place constraints on overt public dissemination of the data. This data could be submitted along with the proposal (eg on CDROM) and that the confidentiality of the review process would suffice to fulfill the sponsor's conditions. (Note: This data is not considered "classified".) Can we get a reading on whether submission of data on CD copies is acceptable?

Response 1: Submit sequencing data that is in the public domain. Even if a CD is submitted, there is a chance that the data will not remain confidential.

Question 2: This is to request clarification concerning item number five in the statement of work for the referenced solicitation. The item requires that the contractor organize an annual meeting. As written, the statement could be interpreted to mean that each Sequencing Center will be expected to host an annual meeting in Bethesda. That is, there will be multiple meetings each year if multiple Centers are established. However, we wonder if the intent is to have a single annual meeting of the Contractors?

Response 2: Under Notes to Offerors, Note 7 shall now read as follows:

NOTE 7-Contractors who receive awards for the Genome Sequencing Centers shall collaborate to organize and plan an annual meeting for all Government and non-Government participants. This includes the arranging of lodging, meals, travel to and from the contractor's site and arranging sites for the meeting.

For budget estimating purposes for the annual Microbial Genome Sequencing Center Meetings, assume the following:

The annual Microbial Genome Sequencing Center meeting cost estimates should include travel costs (transportation, meals, hotel, etc.) for 10 invited participants including key personnel from the Microbial Sequencing Centers as well as costs associated with holding the meeting. All cost estimates should be based on Government rates for per diem, hotel, and transportation (coach class). Assume the workshop will be held in Bethesda, MD for 1.0 day.

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